Summer Activities

Welcome to Warriors' Path State Park! We hope you will enjoy your visit! While you are with us, we invite you to take advantage of the rich natural beauty and wealth of opportunities for enjoyable recreation here at the park.

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MONDAY, JULY 28

- **5:30 PM HOLSTON BLUFFS RAILROAD TOUR** Our park is tied to history through the rails! Let's hike the old railroad grade, and hear the stories of these old railroaders' lives. Meet at the campground check-in station.
- **7:00 PM JUNIOR RANGERS: TRAIL CLEANUP** Make our park a cleaner, healthier environment! You'll make a big difference for our earth, and begin to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the main bath house. Be prepared to get dirty!
- **8:00 PM CANE POLE FISHING -** All it takes is a pole, a line, a hook, and a little bit of time! Come enjoy some good-old cane pole fishing along the lake shore. Over 12 years old, be sure to bring your TN fishing license. Meet at the main bath house.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- **9:30 AM BIRD WALK** Let's be "early birds" and catch some new discoveries about park birds. We'll use our eyes and ears to "listen in." Meet at the main bath house to begin our walk through bird country.
- **10:30 AM SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES** Learn what you can do if you ever find yourself lost in the wilderness. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or the main bath house if it is raining.
- **11:30 AM PAW PRINT NOTE CARDS** Create your own personalized note cards, using local animal's tracks! Your unique design is only a "footstep" away. Meet at the main bath house.
- **1:00 PM GEOLOGY ROCKS!** Come discover more about the amazing rocks beneath our feet. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **3:00 PM** NON-FLOWERING PLANTS RAMBLE Not every green growing thing makes flowers! Come visit some of the ferns, mosses, and other non-flowering plants in the park. Meet at the main bath house to begin our walk.
- **4:00 PM WILDLIFE WALK** Let's wander along the water's edge and visit with the forest life. You never know who might be "at home" in these shoreline woods! Meet at the camper check-in station.



TUESDAY, CONTINUED:

- **5:00 PM MAGNIFYING GLASS HIKE** Use your eyes and some handy little magnifiers to get a close look at nature's amazing details. Meet at the main bath house to begin a short discovery walk.
- **7:00 PM SKULLS NATURE'S TOOL BOX -** Every animal carries along all the tools it needs for survival! Come investigate some natural "tool boxes," and find out more about each animal's job! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **8:30 PM NIGHT HIKE TO SINKING WATERS -** It's a whole different world out there at night! Tonight is our chance to discover the peace and the excitement of a night in the Sinking Waters wetland. Bring a dim flashlight and drive to the camper check-in station. We'll carpool out to the park back country.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- **9:30 AM RIDGELINE HIKE** Come hike the high ridges to get a new view of our park. Enjoy the ancient forests, the excitement of wildlife activity, and the peace of the deep green woods. Meet at the camper-check in station, and we'll carpool.
- **10:30 AM LOTS OF LEGS -** Under rocks and logs, in cool damp places, we can meet some of our many-legged neighbors. Let's go on a short walk to search for some centipedes and millipedes. Meet at the main bath house.
- **12 NOON BIKE HIKE TO THE OVERLOOK** -Let's travel together, on bicycle and on foot, to search for signs of the people and the wildlife that have traveled here. Pedal on down to the camper check-in station. Note that ALL riders MUST wear a bicycle helmet!
- **2:00 PM CRITTER PATHS** Be a critter detective! Find out what's been wandering through the campground habitats. Meet at the camper check-in station.
- **3:00 PM WET WORLDS** For us, the lake is a place to go boating or fishing. But for the micro-world of plankton, it's a home. Come help us sample this incredible world of tiny lives floating in lake water. Meet at the main bath house, and we'll stroll on down to the shore.
- **4:30 PM** TRASH CREATURES Here's a new way to recycle! We can take the junk that makes our park look ugly, and create our own "animals". Pick up some trash on your way to the Open Air Chapel, or the main bath house if it's raining.
- **7:00 PM STORY HOUR** Evening is a perfect time to share a story! After a busy day enjoying all the excitement of your camping trip, come hear some great children's stories under a big shade tree! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, (or pool entrance if it is raining.)
- **9:00 PM TENNESSEE'S NATIVE MAMMALS** Enjoy a slide-illustrated talk on our native "furry critters." Meet at the Open Air Chapel for a pictorial visit with our nearby mammals. In case of rain, meet at the pool entrance.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

- **9:30 AM WAKE UP WALK** Let's wake up our senses to morning in the forest. Meet at the main bath house for a refreshing morning walk.
- **10:30 AM NATURE JOURNAL** Come create your own little "nature diary." Your home-made book will be a perfect way to remember all your nature fun in the park! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or the main bath house if it is raining.
- **1:00 PM RECYCLE FOR THE BIRDS** Stop! Don't throw away that empty milk carton! Bring it to the Open Air Chapel and we'll recycle it into a useful bird feeder. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- **TREE TOOLS** How big is that tree? How old is it? What wildlife could be hiding in it? Come see and try out some of the tools that foresters use to study and protect our native trees. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **7:00 PM** NATURE GAMES Don't miss the natural fun for the young or the young-at-heart! Meet at the Open Air Chapel for some lively games about our natural world. If it's raining, meet at the main bath house.
- **8:00 PM SUNSET HIKE** Watch the sun go down across the green hills. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool. This is a short, but rather steep hike. Bring a flashlight for the walk back down.
- **9:00 PM FOREST TREES** Take a "hike" from the comfort of your seat. Enjoy a "tour" of our nearby forest habitats using words and pictures. After the slide show, we'll share a demonstration of how to identify our local trees. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- **9:30 AM FALL CREEK LOOP TRAIL** -Let's hike the park's most scenic trail! Enjoy beautiful vistas of the summer fields, as we search for signs of the unique habitats in the open country. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of a two hour hike.
- **11:00 AM MEET THE DUCKS** Are they more than "quacky communicators?" Observe duck sign language. Meet at the camper check-in station, and we'll stroll on down to the shore.
- 1:00 PM LEAF ID BOOK Leaves are shade on a hot summer day, the green carpet of the hills. Let's find out more about the names and stories of our green neighbors. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **4:00 PM** MICRO SAFARI Let's follow the "hidden trails" to new discovery. Meet at the main bath house.
- **NOISY TOYS** How did the pioneer children make music or noise? Make your very own "musical" instrument with a few simple things from nature. Meet at the Open Air Chapel to create some "beautiful music." In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- **7:00 PM** RIVERBANK STROLL -This green river valley has seen generations of travelers. This evening, we'll travel together, and search for signs of the wildlife and the people who came before us. Meet at the main campground bath house.
- **9:00 PM TENNESSEE TALES** Enjoy a slide-illustrated talk on Tennessee Folklife, and then share some good-old traditional tall tales. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it rains.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- **9:30 AM HIKE TO CHILDRESS TOWN** A vigorous hike over the high ridges will bring us to the ruins of the first settlement in the park. This will be a three to four hour hike, so wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of the trail.
- **SQUIRREL SECRETS** The more we watch these grey furry neighbors, the more we can discover about their fascinating lives. Meet at the Open Air Chapel for some critter behavior studies.
- **2:30 PM 100 INCH HIKE** Especially for small, tired feet! Discover life on the tiny side. This will also be a great chance to catch a critter for the races! Meet at the main bath house.
- **3:00 PM CRITTER RACE FOR FREEDOM** Bring your best creepy crawler to the main bath house. They'll all win, because they'll all get their freedom. No pets or flying creatures please.
- **5:00 PM REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS** Our slimy and scaly neighbors have some amazing stories to tell. Meet at the Open Air Chapel to discover more about these "cool" critters. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- **8:30 PM**NATURE'S FIREWORKS Whether we call them fireflies or lightning bugs, we sure do enjoy seeing how such a little "bug" can light up the night! Tonight we can enjoy their "light show" and find out more about their amazing lives. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - Enjoy a peaceful morning worship service at the Open Air Chapel, or at the pool entrance if it is raining. Sponsored by the Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

SPECIAL NOTE: We work hard to make our programs both safe and fun! However, as with any outdoor activity, there is always a risk of personal discomfort or even personal injury. Please use your common sense and care whenever you enjoy activities in the **Great Tennessee Outdoors.**

